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BOROUGH OF CLIFTON DARTMOUTH HARDNESS

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1960

preface

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Report on the Health of the District during 1960, drawn up in accordance with the requirements of Ministry of Health Circular 1/61 dated 31st January, 1961. Included in this Report is the Report of the Public Health Inspector.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population

The Registrar General has estimated that the mid-year population amounted to 6,270 persons an increase of 50 above the 1959 estimate. The final result of the Census in 1961 will of course be awaited with interest.

Inhabited Houses and Improvement Grants

The number of inhabited houses according to the rate books is 2,247, only 17 more than in the previous year. Some of this increase was due to renovation of formerly derelict properties.

Births and Deaths

The Standardised Rates for both births and deaths are lower than in 1959 although the actual number of persons involved does not flucuate very much from year to year. The Birth rate is 15.46 per 1000 population and the Death rate 8.32 per 1000 population. Both are considerably below the National Rate (see Table 2 vital statistics). No infantile deaths were reported during the year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Measles

Every second year measles becomes epidemic up and down the Country. A total of 225 cases were notified at Dartmouth, mostly between April and June.

Food Poisoning

A single case of staphylococcal toxin food poisoning arose following the incorrect storage of a pork pie at the patient's household.

GENERAL HEALTH

Contaminated Milk

In July arising from a complaint received by the Borough Council, churns of milk were examined and found to contain minute flies commonly called the fruit or vinegar flies. No further trouble from this cause has since been reported.

Visit of Mass X-Ray Unit

In December, 1960, a light mobile X-Ray Unit made a visit to Dartmouth to examine special groups of people. A total of 36 persons was X-Rayed, mainly staff at the hospital and from schools.

Anthrax

Regulations came into operation on December 1st 1960 requiring Anthrax to be notified to the local Medical Officer of Health.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

This Act became operative on November 27th 1960, and enables Councils to control certain types of noise such as loudspeakers in streets, and vibration from machinery.

Social Services

An addition to the list of Social and Health Services in Section B of this report is the Family Planning Association which opened a branch clinic at the Devon County Council Clinic, Mayors Avenue, in October, 1960. Sessions are held on the first Wednesday evening each month commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Roadside Camping

The Public Health Inspector quite rightly comments upon the sanitary difficulties arising from roadside camping. Existing laws and regulations appear quite unable to control this problem.

Food Hygiene and Food Inspection

The Public Health Inspector gives details of his inspections. His vigilance together with excellent co-operation from the businesses concerned maintains a good general standard in the Borough.

I wish once more to thank Members of the Council, especially the Public Health Committee, and my colleagues on the staff for their help and guidance during the year.

JOHN WILDMAN
Medical Officer of Health

August, 1961.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - STAFF

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

V.E. HUGHES, Certificate of the R.S.I. and S.I.E.J. Board, Certificate for Inspectors of Meat and other Foods.

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Occasional clerical assistance to the Public Health Department is rendered by Miss M.V. Legg in the Surveyor's Department.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee for the session 1960/61 was Councillor Mr. R.M. Hoare and the Committee consisted of the whole of the members of the Council.

SECTION A

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1960

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1959 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION:

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Dartmouth Borough

6,270 (6,220)

Natural increase or decrease + 29
Migration in or out + 21
Total increase or decrease ... + 50

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area in Acres ... 1,925

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books (31st March)
2,247 (2,230)

Number of Houses per acre ... 1.1

Number of Persons per acre ... 3.2

Number of Persons per house ... 2.8

Rateable Value of District (31st December, 1960) £89,272 (£88,119)

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate £361 (£353)

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1960

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1959 are shown in brackets)

BIRTHS

Standardised	Live	Birth	Rate	per	1,000	population	15.46	(19.10)

Area Comparability Factor for Births ... 1.09 (1.09)

Number of Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Total Legitimate Illegitimate	46 43 3	43 40 3	89 83 6
Number of Still Births	0	1	1

DEATHS

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population	8.32	(11.33)
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Area Comparability Factor for Deaths ... 0.87 (0.86)

Number of Deaths

	Male	Female	Total
All Ages - Total	34	26	60
Deaths of Infants under 1 yr.	0	0	0
Number under 4 weeks of age	0	0	0
Number under 1 week of age	0	0	0

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births 0.0 (27.5)

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BIRTH RATE: 17.1 (16.5) DEATH RATE: 11.5 (11.6)

Infantile Mortality Rate 21.7 (22.0)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: Cases Notified During 1960

TABLE 1

	Age Group in Years						
DISEASE	TOTAL	Under 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	Over 65
Scarlet Fever	12	0	2	10	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	22	5	7	10	0	0	0
Measles	225	7	83	131	3	1	0
Acute Pneumonia	8	0	0	1	3	1	3
Food Poisoning	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tuberculosis (Lungs)	2	0	0	0	0	2	0

TABLE 2

			Incidence	by Quarters	
DISEASE	TOTAL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Scarlet Fever	12	10	2	0	0
Whooping Cough	22	2	13	7	0
Measles	225	2	211	12	0
Acute Pneumonia	8	4	1	0	3
Food Poisoning	1	0	0	1	0
Tuberculosis (Lungs)	2	0	1	0	1

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1960

Line No	•				M	F
						-
	ALL CAUSES	• • •			34	26
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory				0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other		• • •		0	0
3	Syphilitic disease		• • •	• • •	0	0
4	Diphtheria	• • •		• • •	0	0
5	Whooping Cough		• • •		0	0
6	Meningococcal infections				0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	• • •	• • •		0	0
	Measles	• • •	• • •		0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease	• • •	• • •	• • •	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasms, stomach	• • •	• • •	• • •	1	1
11	Tung, pronchus	• • •	• • •	• • •	2	1
12	oreast	• • •	• • •	• • •	0	2
13 14	uterus	• • •	• • •	• • •	0	0
	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	• • •	• • •	• • •	1	2
15 16	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	• • •	• • •	• • •	1	7
17		• • •	• • •	• • 0	1,	0
18	Vascular lesions of nervous system	• • •	• • •	• • •	4	2
19	Coronary disease, angina	• • •	• • •	• • •	11	5
20	Hypertension with heart disease Other heart disease	• • •	• • •	• • •	0	3
21		• • •	• • •	• • •	5	2
22	T. Clara	• • •	• • •	• • •	0	0
23	Pneumonia	• • •	• • •	• • •	1	2
24	Bronchitis				0	1
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	• • •			0	0
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	• • •	• • •	• • •	0	0
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea		• • •	• • •	0	0
28	Nephritis and nephrosis		• • •	• • •	0	0
29	Hyperplasia of prostate ···				1	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion		• • •	• • •	0	0
31	Congenital malformations		• • •	• • •	0	0
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases				2	3
33	Motor vehicle accidents			• • •	1	0
34	All other accidents		• • •	• • •	0	0
35	Suicide ··· ··· ···	• • •	• • •	• • •	0	0
36	Homicide and operations of war	• • •			0	0
(a)	Still Births	• • •	• • •	0	0	1
(b)	Deaths of infants under one week of age	• • •	• • •	• • •	0	0
(c)	one week to four weeks of	age	• • •	• • •	0	0
(d)	four weeks to one year of	age	• • •	• • •	0	0

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR DARTMOUTH

LABORATORY SERVICE

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter and Plymouth.

In emergency, certain (medical) specimens can be examined at the Laboratory of the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

The following are some of the County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946, available at Dartmouth. Full Details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, 45, St. Davids Hill, Exeter.

Ambulance Service

The ambulance service at Dartmouth is operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council. (Telephone Dartmouth 76/77). Except in emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a medical practitioner.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres

There are two District Nurses and Midwives (Telephone Dartmouth 268), one Health Visitor (Telephone Stoke Fleming 243), and one Welfare Centre (Telephone Dartmouth 245).

Vaccinations, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis Immunisations

A Medical Officer at the Welfare Centre, Mayor's Avenue, will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents. Family Doctors will also provide this prophylaxis free of charge.

Home and Domestic Help Service

Applications for this service should be addressed to the Local Organiser at 19, Fair View Road, Dartmouth. (Telephone Dartmouth 197).

A charge may be made for this service, in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

Mental Health

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Duly Authorised Officer Mr. H.S. Smith (Telephone: Kingsbridge 2178).

Help in respect of Mentally Sub-normal persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

The Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital (23 beds) is administered by the Torquay Hospital Management Committee. Patients from Dartmouth also attend the Torbay Hospital, Torquay, which is the principal general hospital for the area.

Chronic Sick can receive treatment at Broomborough Hospital Totnes and at Newton Abbot Hospital.

All the above beds are managed by the Torquay Hospital Management Committee within the South-Western Regional Hospital Board.

The Devon County Council provides 43 Beds at Broomborough Hospital, Totnes, and 15 beds at Newton Abbot Hospital for the care of aged persons, under Part III of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL SERVICES

There are 4 General Medical Practitioners in Dartmouth.

DENTAL SERVICE

There are 2 Dentists at Dartmouth. There is also a school dental clinic at the Clinic, Mayor's Avenue, Dartmouth.

OTHER SERVICES

A rest room for elderly people functions at Market Street. It is comfortably furnished, and light refreshments may be obtained.

A Family Planning Clinic is held on the first Tuesday evening of each month at the Devon County Council Clinic, Mayor's Avenue, Dartmouth, commencing at 6.30 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions at Dartmouth are periodically arranged by the S.W. Blood Transfusion Service.

There is a mortuary managed by the Council.

The Council also owns a steam operated disinfector.

SECTION C

FOR THE YEAR 1960

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Report for the year ended the 31st December, 1960.

In submitting my Report for the year 1960, I should like to thank my colleagues in other departments for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

V.E. HUGHES

Public Health Inspector.

August, 1961.

WATER SUPPLY

PUBLIC Source of Supply

Drinking water is supplied by the South Devon Water Board from their moorland supplies on Dartmoor and the Norton Reservoir at Dartmouth.

South Devon Water Board

With the exception of the few private supplies mentioned below the Board supplies water to the whole of the Town. The Board took 112 samples of water for bacteriological examination during the year and all but one were satisfactory. We appreciate very much the way the Board have co-operated during the year and their prompt response to calls made upon them when urgent repairs have been required to water mains.

PRIVATE Sources of Supply

At the end of the year, there were 32 properties in the Borough deriving water from private springs or shallow wells.

A total of 36 water samples was taken from private supplies and 16 samples were found to be bacteriologically unfit to drink in the raw state. Consumers were advised to boil the water for human consumption. Most of these properties are situated too far away from the main supply to be connected.

River Dart - water samples

During 1960 routine sampling from the River Dart adjacent to sewage outfalls from the Borough was continued. Some 20 samples were taken. Considering that sewage is discharged untreated into the river the degree of contamination was not unduly high. This is no doubt due to rapid dilution by the volume of water down the river and the high rise and fall of the tide.

This sampling was additional to routine sampling already carried out by the Dartmouth and Totnes Port Health Authority.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Household Refuse is collected weekly, and is disposed of by controlled tipping on land at Jawbones. Cardboard and paper are burnt.

Trade Refuse is collected twice weekly, free of charge. Any special collections are charged for at the rate of one shilling per bin, this applied particularly to some food premises in the summer months where the twice weekly collection was found to be insufficient.

During 1960 an average of 37 tons of refuse was collected and disposed of each week.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Infectious Illness

Owing to an epidemic of measles early in the year there was a total of 279 notified cases of disease against 44 the previous year. A few cases of scarlet fever, whooping cough, acute pneumonia, food poisoning and tuberculosis were also notified.

Disinfection and Disinfestation

There were 68 articles treated in the steam disinfector, which continues to give excellent service. The cost of treatments was fully recovered in most cases. Wasps, swarming flies, ants, cockroaches and fleas were all dealt with during the year, twenty premises were involved including five council houses.

Caravan Sites

With the introduction of The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, a review was made of the existing sites in the Borough. The new Act and the Model Standards were discussed by the Local Planning Authority and constituent local authorities, at a meeting held at Totnes in September, at which uniformity of interpretation and control was agreed.

One permanent site of 30 caravans has been licensed under the new legilsation, two others were, at the end of the year, still under discussion.

The annual survey made in August on behalf of the County Council revealed that there were sixty-two caravans occupied. These were confined principally to two licensed sites which, on inspection during the summer months, were found very satisfactory.

Roadside Camping

During the summer months an increase was noted in the number of overnight roadside campers, mostly in motor cars. Telltale evidence of such exploits was obvious by the amount of refuse left behind. This problem becomes worse each year, and in the absence of special legislation will be difficult to control.

Holiday Cottages

Twelve holiday cottages at Compass Cove were well conducted during the summer, and the private water supply was tested periodically and found free from bacterial contamination.

HOUS ING

Inspections

A total of 1% houses in the Borough was inspected under the Public Health and Housing Acts during 1960. This necessitated 697 visits, principally for re-inspection where notices were served for the remedy of defects. Much of this work could be saved if some owners were not so reluctant to carry out repairs. To mention but one case, during a period of 9 months no less than 29 visits or interviews were involved with the owner, occupier or agent, for work estimated to cost less than £100, and at the end of this time, no work had been done!

Generally speaking, it has been found that the increased rent, which landlords have been permitted to charge under the Rent Act, has not so far resulted in better maintenance of property.

In addition 143 complaints were received and dealt with.

The following list gives a summary of repair work completed and inspected:-

Roofs	• • •	• • •	18
External Walls		• • •	13
Internal Plastering	• • •	• • •	22
Ceilings	• • •	• • •	5
Floors	• • •		8
Windows		• • •	6
Fireplaces	• • •	• • •	5
Doors		• • •	2
Chimneys	• • •	• • •	3
DRAINAGE			
Inspections made			49
	• • •	• 6 •	
Tests carried out	• • •	• • •	24
Drains repaired	• • •	• • •	21
Gullies provided or renewed	• • •	• • •	9
Sinks	• • •	• • •	10
Rainwater pipes and gutters	• • •	• • •	19
Water Closets provided, rep		enewed	8
New drains laid (excluding			23
Inspection chambers built o			11
	- Toparica		, ,
Number of Informal Notices s	erved		112
Number of Statutory Notices			4
number of peacheof, notices	petred	• • •	7

Overcrowding

There was only one case reported of overcrowding but on inspection of the premises this was not confirmed.

Substandard Housing

One house was demolished during the year and two were closed for human habitation.

Three Closing Orders were determined on completion of satisfactory alterations and repairs.

The five year slum clearance programme was not, as hoped, completed during the year, but the resumption of the council house rebuilding programme gives hope of early completion. There is a growing need for suitable accommodation for the elderly.

Rent Act, 1957

No applications for Certificate of Disrepair were received during the year.

Improvement Grants

There was a marked increase in the interest shown by applicants for improvement grants. In all cases, before the applicant is involved in the expense of drawing up plans and securing estimates, the properties are visited by the Borough Engineer and the Public Health Inspector, and advice is given as to the suitability of the property for a grant. Where necessary, repairs required to make the house in all respects fit are brought to the notice of the applicant, who is required to carry them out before a grant is paid.

During the year, visits of inspection or advice were given in respect of 51 properties; work was completed at eleven, and grants paid amounted to £2,274. Four of the eleven were rented houses; the remainder were owner occupied.

Council Houses

Council houses came in for some attention during the year, particularly those where a lack of cleanliness was reported. The help and co-operation of the County Health Visitor has been invaluable in dealing with those where young children were involved, and there has been a marked improvement in most cases.

The keeping of pigeons on the housing estate, contrary to the Council's ruling was investigated on several occasions.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk Supply

There are four registered dairies in the town, one of which is equipped with a Holder type pasteurising plant. Two farms are registered for the sale of tuberculin tested farm bottled milk. The remaining farmers dispatch all milk produced to a central pasteurising plant. All the milk supplied to schools was pasteurised.

Milk Samples

26 samples of milk were sent to the laboratory for the methylene blue cleanliness test. 25 of these passed the test. Only one failed and this was referred to the County Milk Production Officer for investigation.

17 samples were submitted for the Tuberculin Test and all were declared free from disease.

2 samples of school milk were sent for examination and passed the cleanliness and pasteurisation tests.

Food Premises

During the year 570 visits were made to the various food premises in the town.

Generally speaking there has been very good adherence to the Food Hygiene Regulations at most food premises; ten new or transferred Registration Certificates were issued in respect of the sale of ice cream or the preparation of preserved food for sale.

The following number of visits were made:-

Market and Stalls (17 Stallholders)	48
16 Cafes and Restaurants, Canteens	105
16 Bakehouses and Confectioners	48
27 Hotels and Licenced Premises	46
28 Ice Cream Premises	96
9 Wet and Fried Fish Shops including	28
4 mobile shops	
11 Butchers	95
26 Fruit and Grocery	72
4 Dairies	32

Improvements: Notices were given for the following reasons:-

Food on display outside and less than 18" off the ground. For the proper cleansing of a bakehouse floor.

Warning given in respect of smoking at three food premises.

For the display of hand-washing notice.

For proper ventilation, washing facilities and provision of first-aid equipment.

For the repair of wallplaster in food preparation room.
Two for adequate covering of food for immediate consumption.

Slaughtering and Meat Inspection

A total of 196 visits to the Public Abattoir was made, and details of carcase and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part, are shown in the following table:-

	Cattle (excl. Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed in 1960	64	7	7	1,000	244
Number inspected in 1960	64	7	7	1,000	244
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:-					
Whole carcase condemned Part carcase or organ condemned	0 10	0 3	0 2	2 34	30
Tuberculosis only:-					
Whole carcase condemned Part carcase or organ condemned	0 1	0	0	0	0
Cysticercosis:-					
Part carcase or organ condemned Treated by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0

Some one thousand three hundred and twenty-two animals were slaughtered at the municipal abattoir during the year. All these were inspected post-mortem.

The incidence of tuberculosis has shown a dramatic decline, only one case was discovered on post-mortem inspection and this was of the skin, and evidently of traumatic origin. There are still a few pigs found to be affected and these quite evidently pick up the disease by ingestion.

The statutory slaughterhouse report was completed during the year and was approved by the Council for submission to the Ministry.

Ice Cream

There are now twenty-eight premises registered for the sale of ice cream; two of these are registered for manufacture. During the year 28 samples were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory to be tested for bacterial contamination. Fourteen of the samples were placed in grade 1 (satisfactory) ten in grade II (fair) and four in grade III (unsatisfactory). Investigations were carried out regarding the unsatisfactory samples, but no conclusive evidence was found to account for them.

Disposal of Condemned Meat

The weight of meat condemned at the slaughterhouse amounted to 635 lb., and at shops and other premises 774 lb.

Condemned meat from the slaughterhouse was dyed to show it was unfit for human consumption, and was then released to a reputable company for processing into feriliser and animal feeding stuffs.

Slaughtermen

There were six persons licensed to act as slaughtermen under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Other Unsound Food

Food surrendered by retailers as being unfit for human consumption, is listed below:-

		Fresh Fo	ood		
<u>lb</u> .			lb.		lb.
Bacon 2 Sausage 24 Pigs Liver 3 Pigs Head 5%	2	Beef Mutton Pork	192 168 200	Prawns Cheese Madeira Cake	14 1/2 22
		Canned Fo	ood		
	<u>lb</u> .				lb.
Jam Evap. Milk Peaches Pineapple Chocolate Crab Chicken	28 ½ 4 1¼ 3 ½ 4			Minced Beef Loaf Stewed Steak Corned Beef Tomatoes Tongue Ham Luncheon Meat	3½ 8½ 19½ 11 6 70 8
Veal	6				

Food Samples sent for analysis

The Devon County Council Sampling Officer, in accordance with the authority given by the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, caused the following samples to be analysed:-

Honey
Milk (11 samples)
Gin
Tomato Juice
Vinegar
Baking Powder
Chocolate Drops

Dairy Ice Cream
Blackcurrant Juice Syrup
Salad Cream
Ice Cream
Lard
Wild Duck Soup with Sherry Wine

All these samples were genuine.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Rodent Control

Rodent Control under the above Act is in full operation in Dartmouth.

One Operator is employed and works alternate weeks at Dartmouth and Brixham.

This arrangement has worked well. In spite of continual vigilance there has been a considerable increase in the rodent population, this is probably due to the very mild winter.

The table below summarises the action taken during the year.

	Council's Property	Dwelling Houses	Business Premises	Agricul- tural	Total
No. of Properties in District.	10	1,841	477	20	2,348
No. of Properties inspected.	10	472	54	20 ,	556
No. found to be infested by rats.	4	26	14	0	44
No. found to be infested by mice.	0	35	15	0	50
No. of Properties treated for infestation.	4	61	29	0	94

Estimated Kill - Rats: 277 - Mice: 307

Refresher Course for Rodent Operators

Representatives from the Borough attended two meetings of the No. 3 Workable Area Committees during the year and much useful information was obtained.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There is only one Registered User of Rag Flock. Supplies are obtained from licensed premises outside the Borough. No samples were taken during the year.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Periodic inspections under the Act were carried out and no notices were issued. Under the provisions of Section 40, suspension of the weekly half-day closing was sanctioned during the summer months. Applications by a majority of traders in Fancy Goods for permission to open on Sunday was rejected by the Council.

PETROLEUM AND EXPLOSIVES ACTS

Number of licences granted to store Petroleum ... 11

Number of licences granted to store Mixed Explosives 11

Five pressure tests were carried out on five petrol tanks which were newly installed during the year.

GAME ACT, 1831

Four persons were licensed to deal in game.

DISEASE OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER 1957

Six licensed boiling plants were inspected, only four were actually in use. One was of the pressure type and the remaining three of the simple copper type. The plants were only used periodically as and when waste foods were available. They were found satisfactory when visited.

SECTION D

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

BOROUGH OF DARTMOUTH

The following is a summary of information required for submission to the Ministry of Labour in respect of the year 1960.

Part 1 of the Act

1.	Inspections	for	purposes	of	provisions	as	to	health
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(i)	Factories	without	Mechanical	Power:
	(Sections	1,2,3,4	and 6)	

Number on Register	0 0	0 0 0 0		7
Inspections				4
Written Notices		0 0 0 0		0
Occupiers prosecuted		0 00	• • •	0

(ii) Factories with Mechanical Power: (Section 7)

Number on Register	000		• • •	31
Inspections		• • •	• • •	72
Written Notices	000	• • •		0
Occupiers prosecuted	000		• 0 0	0

(iii) Other Premises under the Act: (Section 7)

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworker's Premises).

Number on Register	000	000		0
Inspections	000		• • •	0
Written Notices	0 0 0		• • •	0
Occupiers prosecuted	000	000		0

2. Cases in which Defects were found Nil.

Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted .. Nil.

PART VIII OF THE ACT
Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

		Section 110		Section 111		
Nature of Work	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)		No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises	Notices served	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
Wearing) Making apparel) etc.	3	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	3	0	0	0	0	

⁽⁷⁾ There were no prosecutions.

